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This listing of claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 (currently amended) A method for providing a translated output signal derived from a speech input signal to improve conversation, the method comprising:
receiving a speech input signal in a first language; converting the speech input signal into a digital format comprising a voice model component representing the speaker's voice patterns and a content component representing the content of the speech input signal;
translating the content component from the first language into a second language to provide a translated content component; *integrating combining* the translated content component with the voice model component to more accurately reflect conversational speech; and generating an audible output signal comprising the translated content in a second language in an approximation of the speaker's voice, i.e., the speech input signal; wherein the audible output signal is an approximation of the speech patterns of the input signal, and the translated output is *integrated combined* with the voice model component to approximate the speaker's voice to more accurately reflect conversational speech.
- 2 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first language is identified from the content component.
- 3 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first language is predetermined.

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Listing of Claims Continued:

4 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the voice model component comprises a point cloud.

5 (original) The method of claim 4, wherein the point cloud comprises an abbreviated version of the speech input signal.

6 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the content component comprises at least one word.

7 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the operation of translating the content component utilizes the voice model component.

8 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the voice model component utilized in the operation of translating the content component comprises a dialect.

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- 9 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the audible output signal is generated simultaneously with the receipt of the speech input signal to allow for substantially real-time communication.
- 10 (currently amended) A device that provides for translation of speech, and improved conversation, the device comprising: a speech input device component; a converter for converting a speech input signal received by the speech input device into a digital format comprising a voice model component representing the speaker's voice patterns, that is, the speech pattern of the speech input signal and a content component representing a content of the speech input signal; a language converter for translating the content component from a first language to a second language to provide a translated content component; a *integrator component* for *integrating combining* the translated content component with the voice model component; and a speech output device component for generating an audible output signal comprising the translated content component *integrated combined* with the voice model component in an approximation of the speech patterns of the speech input signal to more accurately reflect conversational speech.